



# Columbia

## County



### Area Labor Profile

Updated: Dec 2016

## Labor Force Activity - 2015

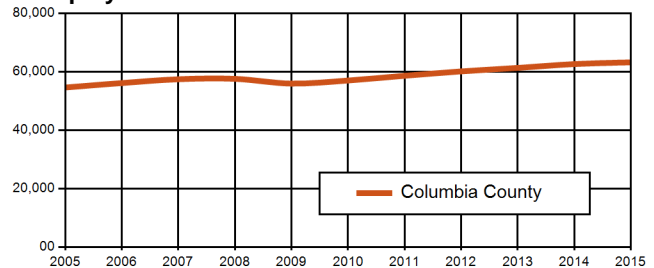
### 2015 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Columbia	66,525	63,193	3,332	5.0%
Lincoln	3,347	3,125	222	6.6%
McDuffie	8,727	8,009	718	8.2%
Richmond	84,209	78,063	6,146	7.3%
<b>Columbia Area</b>	<b>162,808</b>	<b>152,390</b>	<b>10,418</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
Georgia	4,770,873	4,490,931	279,942	5.9%
United States	157,129,917	148,833,417	8,296,333	5.3%
Edgefield, SC	10,700	10,020	680	6.4%
McCormick, SC	3,454	3,206	248	7.2%

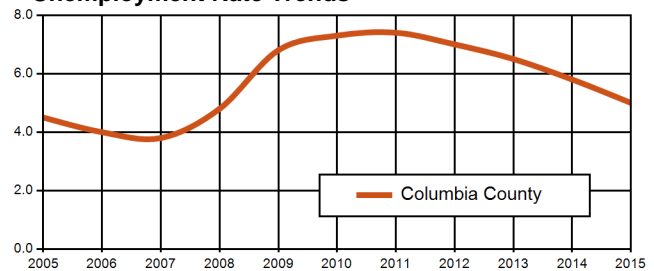
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

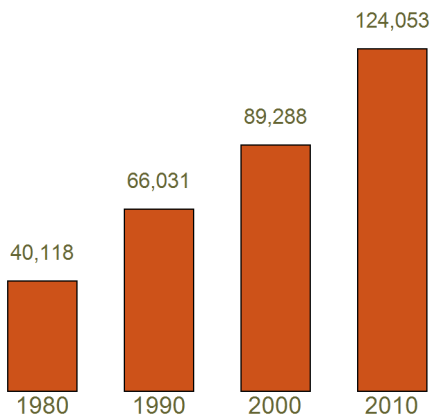
### Employment Trends



### Unemployment Rate Trends



### Population Estimates



### Population

	2010 Census	2015 Rank	2015 Estimate	% Change 2000-2015	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
<b>Columbia</b>	<b>124,053</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>144,052</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>180,369</b>	<b>45.4</b>
City of Grovetown	11,216					
<b>Columbia Area</b>	<b>390,186</b>		<b>411,278</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>465,152</b>	<b>19.2</b>
Georgia	9,687,653		10,214,860	5.4	11,538,707	19.1
United States	308,745,538		321,418,820	4.1	349,439,199	13.2
Edgefield, SC	25,611		26,514	3.5	33,200	29.6
McCormick, SC	10,102		9,706	-3.9	12,460	23.3

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, \*Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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# Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2016

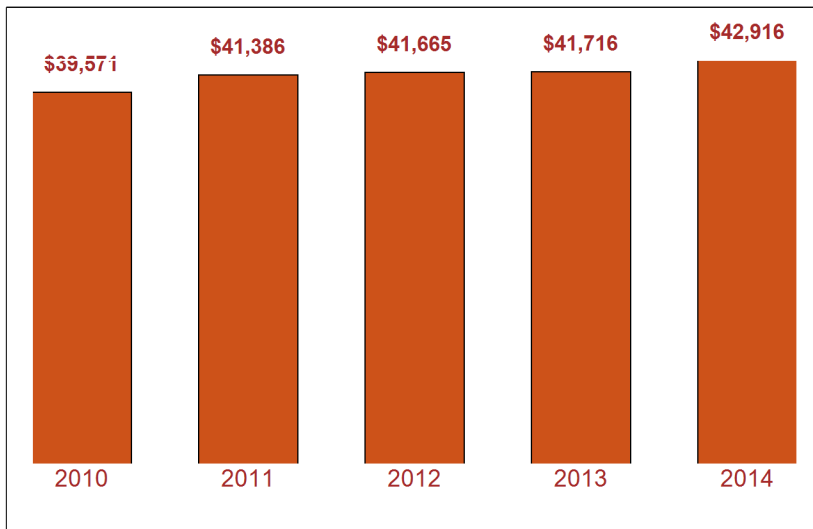
INDUSTRY	Columbia				Columbia Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE
		NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>4,873</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>19,046</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>1,005</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	10	63	0.2	653	39	655	0.4	864
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	8	102	0.1	1,276
Construction	337	2,166	6.7	780	759	6,368	4.4	858
Manufacturing	61	2,635	8.2	1,066	229	11,924	8.2	1,088
Food	3	*	*	*	17	1,269	0.9	902
Textile Mills	1	*	*	*	6	642	0.4	767
Textile Product Mills	2	*	*	*	7	*	*	*
Apparel	2	*	*	*	4	435	0.3	858
Leather and Allied Product	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Wood Product	4	*	*	*	17	486	0.3	949
Printing and Related Support Activities	7	*	*	*	18	208	0.1	821
Chemical	5	19	0.1	942	26	1,072	0.7	1,873
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	3	44	0.1	1,320	13	654	0.4	1,077
Primary Metal	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Fabricated Metal Product	8	*	*	*	29	1,060	0.7	888
Machinery	3	639	2.0	1,339	8	687	0.5	1,311
Transportation Equipment	2	*	*	*	23	1,921	1.3	1,168
Furniture and Related Product	11	306	0.9	713	13	337	0.2	701
Miscellaneous	8	21	0.1	552	23	664	0.5	1,076
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	3	78	0.1	885
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	5	282	0.2	837
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	10	1,371	0.9	1,333
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>21,824</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>6,525</b>	<b>95,023</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>687</b>
Utilities	3	*	*	*	14	298	0.2	1,569
Wholesale Trade	84	564	1.7	992	297	3,420	2.3	1,123
Retail Trade	304	5,553	17.2	570	1,189	17,677	12.1	514
Transportation and Warehousing	41	179	0.6	724	171	2,592	1.8	828
Information	24	317	1.0	992	80	2,001	1.4	1,059
Finance and Insurance	125	1,020	3.2	961	389	2,916	2.0	1,058
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	82	361	1.1	746	305	1,405	1.0	740
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	236	1,515	4.7	1,455	764	5,638	3.9	1,272
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10	*	*	*	34	686	0.5	806
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	198	2,468	7.6	480	479	12,000	8.2	471
Educational Services	41	505	1.6	450	81	1,289	0.9	544
Health Care and Social Assistance	289	3,395	10.5	759	1,038	21,986	15.1	955
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	36	488	1.5	324	101	3,250	2.2	427
Accommodation and Food Services	196	3,829	11.8	274	689	15,465	10.6	296
Other Services (except Public Administration)	220	1,185	3.7	546	629	4,119	2.8	548
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>785</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>2,426</b>	<b>26,824</b>	<b>83.0</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>7,560</b>	<b>114,069</b>	<b>78.3</b>	<b>740</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>31,660</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>946</b>
Federal Government	10	335	1.0	1,408	75	7,907	5.4	1,170
State Government	12	490	1.5	568	86	10,105	6.9	1,028
Local Government	94	4,675	14.5	800	183	13,648	9.4	756
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>32,324</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>7,904</b>	<b>145,730</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>785</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>					<b>298,099</b>	<b>4,257,675</b>		<b>930</b>

Note: \*Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are 2nd Quarter of 2016.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

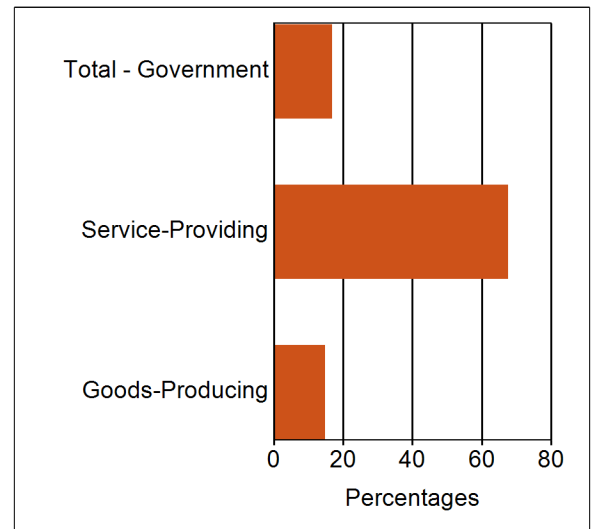
## Columbia Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



## Columbia Industry Mix 2016

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



## Top Ten Largest Employers - 2015\*

### Columbia

Augusta Sportswear, Inc.  
Augusta Staffing Associates  
Club Car, LLC  
Electrolux Home Products, Inc.  
G I W Industries, Inc.  
John Deere Commercial  
Lowes Home Centers, Inc.  
Publix Super Markets, Inc.  
The Kroger Company  
Walmart

\*Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2015. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

### Columbia Area

	COUNTY
Doctors Hospital of Augusta, LLC	Richmond
Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Richmond
Georgia Regents University	Richmond
Management Analysis & Utilization, Inc.	Richmond
MCG Health, Inc.	Richmond
Sitel Operating Corporation	Richmond
Textron, Inc.	Richmond
T-Mobile USA, Inc.	Richmond
University Home Health in Augusta	Richmond
Walmart	Richmond

## Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF			PERSONS WORKING IN		
Columbia			Columbia		
COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Richmond, GA	28,568	52.1	Columbia, GA	19,230	58.1
Columbia, GA	19,230	35.1	Richmond, GA	8,910	26.9
Aiken, SC	3,840	7.0	Aiken, SC	1,664	5.0
Burke, GA	553	1.0	McDuffie, GA	691	2.1
McDuffie, GA	500	0.9	Lincoln, GA	590	1.8
Richland, SC	230	0.4	Burke, GA	384	1.2
DeKalb, GA	153	0.3	Edgefield, SC	278	0.8
Lincoln, GA	138	0.3	McCormick, SC	254	0.8
Other	1,605	2.9	Other	1,118	3.4
<b>Total Residents:</b>	<b>54,817</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>Total Residents:</b>	<b>33,119</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Note: Other category represents employment from U.S. counties only.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 County-To-County Worker Flow Files.

# Education of the Labor Force

## Columbia Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	4.8%	2.2%	1.7%	2.4%	4.0%	15.7%
Some High School	12.0%	19.6%	10.6%	8.6%	10.9%	13.2%
High School Grad/GED	30.9%	34.9%	28.1%	29.7%	30.6%	32.6%
Some College	23.1%	32.0%	26.8%	23.8%	20.3%	15.7%
College Grad 2 Yr	7.5%	4.1%	8.7%	9.8%	8.5%	4.2%
College Grad 4 Yr	13.9%	6.6%	16.7%	17.3%	15.2%	10.4%
Post Graduate Studies	7.8%	0.7%	7.5%	8.4%	10.4%	8.1%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. The "Some College" category represents workers with less than two years of college and no degree.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

## High School Graduates - 2015

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Columbia	1,643	--	1,643
Lincoln	74	--	74
McDuffie	233	--	233
Richmond	1,581	--	1,581
<b>Columbia Area</b>	<b>3,531</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>3,531</b>



Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

\* Private schools data is not available for 2015 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

# Colleges and Universities

## Columbia Area

### Columbia

Georgia Military College-Augusta Campus  
Grovetown Campus (Satellite campus of Augusta Technical College) [www.augustatech.edu](http://www.augustatech.edu)

### Richmond

Virginia College-Columbus  
Troy University [augusta.troy.edu](http://augusta.troy.edu)  
Augusta University <http://www.augusta.edu>  
Georgia Regents University - ASU [www.aug.edu](http://www.aug.edu)  
Augusta Technical College [www.augustatech.edu](http://www.augustatech.edu)  
Georgia Military College-Ft Gordon [www.gmc.cc.ga.us](http://www.gmc.cc.ga.us)  
Georgia Regents University - GHSU [www.gru.edu](http://www.gru.edu)  
Miller-Motte Technical College [www.miller-motte.edu/campuses/georgia-campuses/augusta-ga](http://www.miller-motte.edu/campuses/georgia-campuses/augusta-ga)  
Paine College [www.paine.edu](http://www.paine.edu)  
University of Phoenix-Augusta Campus [www.phoenix.edu](http://www.phoenix.edu)  
Savannah River College [www.savannahrivercollege.edu](http://www.savannahrivercollege.edu)  
Augusta Area Dietetic Internship-University Hospital [www.universityhealth.org](http://www.universityhealth.org)  
Virginia College-Augusta [www.vc.edu/campus/augusta-georgia-college.cfm](http://www.vc.edu/campus/augusta-georgia-college.cfm)

### McDuffie

Thomson Campus (Satellite campus of Augusta Technical College) [www.augustatech.edu](http://www.augustatech.edu)

Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

## Technical College Graduates - 2015\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	48	52	69	8.3	32.7
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	69	82	131	18.8	59.8
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	167	283	494	69.5	74.6
Barbering/Barber°	26	25	50	-3.8	100.0
Business Administration and Management, General°	38	101	199	165.8	97.0
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician	2	3	4	50.0	33.3
Cardiovascular Technology/Technologist	9	8	8	-11.1	0.0
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	32	34	72	6.3	111.8
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	41	39	85	-4.9	117.9
Computer Programming, Specific Applications°	2	8	27	300.0	237.5
Computer Programming/Programmer, General°	12	30	42	150.0	40.0
Cosmetology, Barber/Styling, and Nail Instructor°	9	11	11	22.2	0.0
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	39	43	45	10.3	4.7
Criminal Justice/Police Science°	17	40	73	135.3	82.5
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	89	88	124	-1.1	40.9
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	19	25	41	31.6	64.0
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	28	39	92	39.3	135.9
Dental Assisting/Assistant	12	27	35	125.0	29.6

# Technical College Graduates - 2015\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Design and Visual Communications, General°	93	122	200	31.2	63.9
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	53	51	81	-3.8	58.8
Electrical, Electronic and Communications Engineering Technology/Technician	11	17	15	54.5	-11.8
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General	4	8	17	100.0	112.5
Electrician°	66	40	255	-39.4	537.5
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	56	44	67	-21.4	52.3
Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Studies°	3	6	61	100.0	916.7
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services°	55	34	110	-38.2	223.5
Golf Course Operation and Grounds Management°	4	13	18	225.0	38.5
Graphic Design°	44	25	50	-43.2	100.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	40	37	76	-7.5	105.4
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	27	29	80	7.4	175.9
Legal Assistant/Paralegal	7	17	7	142.9	-58.8
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	32	34	43	6.3	26.5
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	15	28	47	86.7	67.9
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	13	11	11	-15.4	0.0
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	2	17	22	750.0	29.4
Mechanical Engineering/Mechanical Technology/Technician	3	3	20	0.0	566.7
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder°	13	10	20	-23.1	100.0
Medical/Clinical Assistant	61	43	44	-29.5	2.3
Network and System Administration/Administrator	18	28	54	55.6	92.9
Nuclear Engineering Technology/Technician	30	27	33	-10.0	22.2
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	13	11	26	-15.4	136.4
Occupational Therapist Assistant	11	19	18	72.7	-5.3
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	9	21	40	133.3	90.5
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	16	11	11	-31.3	0.0
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	16	33	22	106.3	-33.3
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	12	11	13	-8.3	18.2
Surgical Technology/Technologist	15	13	28	-13.3	115.4
Welding Technology/Welder°	159	242	450	52.2	86.0

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

\*Data shown represents Annual 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

## Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor

	TOTAL	Mgt.	Bus. and Finance	Comp. and Arch. Math	Eng.	Life and Soc. Svcs.	Comm. and Svcs	Legal	Ed. and Training	Arts and Design	Health Prac.	Health Support
Columbia	1,705	216	267	229	177	79	122	16	150	148	187	114
Lincoln	21	0	6	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	5	2
McDuffie	110	18	18	4	1	2	8	0	17	4	14	24
Richmond	2,642	201	190	236	174	69	116	23	567	278	334	454
Subtotal Area	4,478	435	481	469	352	150	246	41	740	430	540	594

## Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor (cont.)

	TOTAL	Protect. Svcs.	Food Prep.	Ground Cleaning	Personal Care	Sales	Office Support	Farm. and Forestry	Cons- truction	Installation Main.	Prod.	Trans. and Moving
Columbia	4,861	147	110	74	98	559	1,860	7	217	419	804	566
Lincoln	351	144	13	0	5	33	31	0	17	38	26	44
McDuffie	1,570	83	85	24	65	88	264	25	144	104	348	340
Richmond	10,726	248	633	216	488	1,327	2,377	20	547	831	1,809	2,230
Subtotal Area	17,508	622	841	314	656	2,007	4,532	52	925	1,392	2,987	3,180

Note: For current applicant data available for a specific occupation, contact the nearest Georgia Department of Labor Career Center.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor (active applicants as of October 2016).

## Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

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